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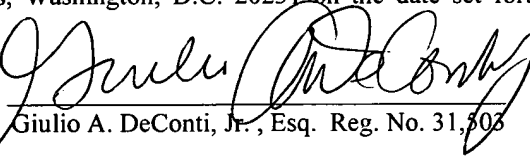
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REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications
Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed from the
Patent Office on September 28, 2001, and prior to examination of the above-identified
application, please amend the application as follows: